Strange Bedfellows

This issue of the Quarterly has two divergent options on a forester's relationship with, or how we relate and in turn are related to, environmental groups. David Kittredge, NESAF Chair, in his Comments of the Chair column leads us toward a position of lending our voice to a larger cause by our membership within a collection of organizations. If we have a voice and are heard as part of the larger organization, and our message is not distorted in the process, then membership has value.

The following scenario paints a different relationship between a forester and membership in an environmental group. Once again the issue is one of voice, a larger cause, and who is speaking for whom.

The Ben & Jerry's Foundation has awarded a $7,000 grant to the preservation group Preserve Appalachian Wilderness (PAW), an organization made highly visible by their appeals of timber sales on the Green, White, and Allegheny National Forests. The PAW grant is entitled Vermont Loop for Vermont Jobs Program and the grant proposal calls for an effort to "unite wood products workers and environmentalists." However, two of its premises are that "workers in the wood products industry are injured by ecologically unsound forestry" and that "our environmental problems are not because of mill workers, loggers, manufacturers, or craftsmen. The problem is large corporations over-mechanizing, over-cutting, exporting unprocessed lumber, and displacing workers."

The Grant, prior to approval, was reviewed by the Ben & Jerry's Foundation Board and approved unanimously. The Grant also included a letter of support to the Foundation from U. S. Senator Patrick Leahy of Vermont.

Despite the claim by its authors that the Grant was "an alliance of wood products producers and environmentalists united for the promotion of sound forest management for Vermont's economy and ecology," no forest products organizations were ever contacted about the grant. According to Jonathan Wood, forester for the Bell-Gates Lumber Company, and former member of the Vermont Forestry Communications Council, "Vermont's forest products industries have a long history of working with environmental groups."

PAW's first use of the grant funds, a publication entitled "The Model Forest," will seriously undermine any possibility they have of joining the coalition of conservation interests in Vermont. This booklet was distributed at recent public meetings held to review the implementation progress of the Green Mountain National Forest's 10 year plan. "The Model Forest" calls for the

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IN MEMORIAM

Whereas death has claimed the lives of Peter M. Babcock, Sterling, Connecticut; Norman H. Gray, Fryeburg, Maine; Leslie Sargent, Lincoln, New Hampshire; Charles M. Woodman, Meredith, New Hampshire; and Howard T. Woodward, Berlin, New Hampshire. Now therefore be it resolved that the New England Society of American Foresters at its 72nd Annual Meeting in Lowell, Massachusetts on March 12, 1992 recognized with deep appreciation the participation, support, and dedication of the lives of these members to this Society, to our profession and to society at large.

Peter M. (Pete) Babcock of Sterling, Connecticut died unexpectedly on March 3, 1992, just two days following his retirement as Connecticut State Forester with the Department of Environmental Protection. Pete began his association with the State as a seasonal employee while he was still attending the University of Connecticut in 1957. In the early 60's he was hired on as the first forestry trainee of the Division of Forestry. In 1965 he joined the Society of American Foresters and was a member until his death.

Through the terms of four State Foresters, Pete worked as a Service Forester in Litchfield County, District Ranger for Shenipset State Forest, and Service Forester for Tolland and Middlesex Counties. In 1978, Pete moved to the State Forester's staff as Cooperative Forest Management Supervisor and later as the State Forest Fire Control Officer.

Following the death of Bob Garreny in July of 1987, Pete became State Forester. In his tenure, Pete oversaw the establishment of a new forestry program directed towards the urban and community environment. He was also a key player in the successful effort during the 1991 session of the Connecticut General Assembly to pass the Public Act 91-335, "The Connecticut Forest Practices Act". That act, authored by Pete and his staff, has been nationally recognized as the outstanding forestry legislation of 1991.

Pete was known for his easy manner and dry humor. He was a faithful public servant who dedicated his life to the protection and careful management of the forest he dearly loved. In the words of Deputy Commissioner Thomas Dudchik, "Pete was a man who was raised with an appreciation of the beauty of nature, and of our responsibility to preserve and protect that beauty for our children.

There is a quote from Washington Irving which reads: "There is something nobly simple and pure in a taste for trees. There is a grandeur of thought connected with this heroic line of husbandry worthy of liberal, free-born, and aspiring men." Pete was a forester - simple and pure. He will be missed and long remembered.

Leslie B. Sargent of Lincoln, New Hampshire died on January 24, 1992 at the Littleton hospital at the age of 69. A New Hampshire native, he served in both the European and Pacific theaters during WW II in the Army Corps of Engineers. After the war, Les returned to New Hampshire and received his forestry degree from the University of New Hampshire and began working for the Brown Paper Company after graduation. He was next employed by the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension as the assistant to Bob Sinclair, Grafton County Forester and succeeded him after Bob's death. Les retired in 1982 after 28 years with Cooperative Extension service in New Hampshire.

Leslie joined the Society of American Foresters in 1951 and was a retired member at his death, a span of over 42 years. He was also the Granite State Division News Correspondent for the News Quarterly for at least two editors, Russ Reay and Gary Salmon. He retired as correspondent in April of 1989. Les was one of the founders of the Woodsmen's Field Day at the Plymouth State Fair and was the supervisor of the Baker River Watershed Project. He was also known for his woodworking skills and produced a unique line of log and tree scale sticks from his home in Lincoln.

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Forestry Calendar

ERGONOMIC APPLICATIONS IN FORESTRY — May 6 & 7, 1992 (Registration deadline April 10, 1992) This course defines, details and discusses the fundamental human factors which affect the health and efficiency of operators working in an industrial environment. Particular emphasis is placed on the application of current knowledge and methodology to forest operations. It is intended for operations managers, machine maintenance supervisors, or human relations officers. Enrollment and Fee: Limited to 20 persons. Fee is $145 (Canadian) per person.

IDENTIFICATION OF SHRUBS AND GROUND VEGETATION OF IMPORTANCE TO FORESTRY IN NEW BRUNSWICK - June 3&4, 1992 (Registration deadline: May 8, 1992). The course will deal with easily visible features of the plants. The species studied will be largely the same as those contained in the Field Guides to Forest Site Classification in New Brunswick, a series of six booklets published by the Department of Natural Resources and Energy. Species covered will come from among the shrubs, ferns and fern allies, herbs, grasses and sedges, and mosses, liverworts and lichens. Almost all of the time will be spent in the field where instructors will lead in identifying the various species and will point out the distinguishing features of each. A complete set of notes will be provided. This course is intended for foresters dealing with site classification, wildlife habitat, regeneration problems, and other activities requiring this subject knowledge. Enrollment and Fee: Up to 20 persons may enroll. Fee is $220 (Canadian) per person.

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The Ernest M. Gould Jr. Technology Transfer Award for 1992 is presented to William B. Leak of Durham, New Hampshire. Bill Leak has been conducting research, writing journal articles and reports on New England forests since 1956. As a research forester and project leader for the U.S. Forest Service's Northeast Forest Experiment Station, Leak has authored or co-authored more than 90 papers, ranging from age distribution of virgin red spruce to modeling responses to climate change. He is an adjunct professor at the University of New Hampshire. Leak serves on numerous committees, including the CANUSA Spruce Budworm Technical Review Panel and Maine's Bureau of Public Lands Silvicultural Advisory Committee. He also serves as editor of the Northern Journal of Applied Forestry. He graduated summa cum laude from the New York State College of Forestry in 1953 and also earned a Master of Forestry degree there in 1956. He joined SAF in 1953.

The Austin Cary Award recognizes NESAF members who have shown outstanding achievement as practicing forest managers. Austin Cary was born in Maine in 1865 and provided forestry expertise to industrial landowners and managers.

The Ernest M. Gould Jr. Technology Transfer Award is presented annually to a New England SAF member who has made outstanding contributions to natural resource science and management through education, extension, or youth service. Gould achieved wide acclaim for his expertise in analyzing and resolving forest resource policy issues while on the faculty of Harvard University.

The Young Forester Leadership Award for 1992 is presented to Anne Marie Loud of Williamsburg, Massachusetts. Anne Marie Loud has distinguished herself as one of the organizers of Massachusetts Forest Products Week activities in 1988 and 1989. These efforts resulted in 40 separate field days and tours across the state each year, with accompanying press releases, posters, and media contacts. She also prepared and helped staff a display for the New England SAF at the Boston Earth Day festival and the Tufts New England Environmental Conference in 1990. In 1988 she became a member of the Yankee Division NPSAF Steering Committee and in 1991 was elected Secretary/Treasurer of NESAF. Most recently Anne Marie chaired the Arrangements Committee for the 72 NESAF Winter Meeting in Lowell, Massachusetts. Loud holds B.S. (1980) and M.S. (1985) degrees in forestry from the University of Massachusetts. In 1990 Loud was one of just two New England foresters to earn a Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) certificate from the Society of American Foresters.

The Young Forester Leadership Award is presented to a member of the New England Society of American Foresters who has been practicing forestry for less than ten years and has shown leadership in a program or project benefiting the practice of forestry.

The Austin Cary Practicing Professional Award for 1992 is presented to Paul Memmer of South China, Maine. Paul Memmer has been a landowner assistance forester for Scott Paper Company in Maine since 1980. He helped start Scott's Landowner Assistance Program which now includes more than 550 forest owners totaling 75,000 acres in the Augusta area.

He has served as Chair of the Maine Tree Farm Committee and on the Advisory Committee for Unity College. He has also worked with Project Learning Tree and with local scout groups. Memmer attended Kent State University and holds an A.S. Degree from Hocking College. He began working for Scott Paper Company's Greenville office in 1974 as a forest technician and was promoted to field forester in 1975. He joined the Society of American Foresters as an affiliate member in 1973.

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The awards were presented during the 72nd Annual Winter Meeting, March 11-13, in Lowell, Massachusetts.

Council's Commentary

James F. Coufal

First, I apologize for not being at your Winter Meeting. The topic was timely, the list of speakers impressive, and I suspect that the discussion was stimulating. Unfortunately, a previous commitment of nearly one year's standing kept me from attending.

At this time, I have relatively little to report on as your Council representative; I have yet to attend my first Council meeting. It is worth noting however, how impressed I have been with the activities of the National Staff, as reported in weekly correspondence. If anyone asks the question, "what does SAF do for me?" a quick review of the correspondence they put out, the materials they develop, the policy and position statements that are developed and used, the legislative hearings where statements are made, and the meetings attended, makes a quick and impressive answer. Clearly, the forestry profession is well represented by SAF via the Washington office.

By the time of the next issue of the News Quarterly I am sure I will have much more to report on. In the meantime, if I can assist you in any way, please let me know.
One of the goals of the NESAF is to represent our profession and promote the practice of forestry throughout our region. SAF members do a great job of this in a wide variety of different, creative ways. Maine SAF, for example, has an active and impressive Communications Committee that produced a terrific brochure entitled "What's Green and Growing and Covering Maine?" The Green Mountain Division serves coffee to legislators in the Statehouse. The Rhode Island Chapter recently erected a large, attractive interpretive sign in a heavily used State Forest near Providence. Those are a few examples of interregionally getting our message out in their respective states.

What can NESAF do at the New England level? Can NESAF represent and promote our profession regionally from Long Island Sound to the St. John River? From the urban forests of Rhode Island to the vast expanse of industrial forest in Maine?

In 1990, on the 20th anniversary of Earth Day, over 250,000 people were celebrating on the Esplanade in Boston, and NESAF was there with its exhibit. For the past three years, NESAF has been an exhibitor at the New England Environmental Conference, representing our profession to the thousands of concerned environmental participants. The NESAF News Quarterly is sent to Congressional delegations from most of the New England states. NESAF grant dollars assist individual state SAF organizations to promote our profession.

Several years ago, during the Northern Forest Lands Study, NESAF developed position statements and testified at hearings. NESAF is acting in ways like this to represent our profession at the regional level.

A new opportunity has come up for NESAF to represent our profession regionally. Over a year ago, a loosely knit group of representatives from a variety of conservation organizations began to meet and discuss issues of common concern in the Northern Forest. The group has evolved into what is known as the Northern Forest Alliance. It is comprised of representatives from roughly 20 different organizations such as the Appalachian Mountain Club, Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, American Forestry Association, Preserve Appalachian Wilderness, Wilderness Society, Maine Audubon, The Natural Resource Council of Maine, Sierra Club, and the Conservation Law Foundation. NESAF was invited to join the Alliance.

Dick Watt, our Executive Director, has been representing us at meetings for roughly a year.

What is this Alliance? What is its goal? A Mission Statement is currently being developed (sound familiar?). The DRAFT I have seen says that the mission is to work together to protect and enhance ecological and economic sustainability of natural and human communities in the Northern Forest. In the same DRAFT, several goals are listed, one of which is to support a forest-based economy and forest industry that is stable, productive, and sustainable. Other goals are to encourage local communities, protect the largely intact forested landscape of the region, and maintain recreational access compatible with forest protection.

How does the Alliance work? The Appalachian Mountain Club has taken the leadership role of coordinating the group. The Alliance meets every six to eight weeks, and seeks to develop concensus on Northern Forest issues. When the group develops a position, member organizations are asked to "sign on to".

Those who wish to can do so, and those that can't support the position for whatever reason can choose to decline. A position is thus presented not as coming from the Alliance, but from those specific organizations that collectively decided to "sign on". The Alliance is basically a very loose confederation of groups that meet periodically around a table to discuss issues of common concern.

Should NESAF be involved? Dick Watt continues to represent NESAF on the Alliance, and the NESAF Executive Committee continues to discuss this point. The Executive Committee believes it is important to be involved and repreent our profession around the Alliance table. In our absence, there is a chance that professional forestry would not be represented. NESAF can provide a source of objective, scientific information on forests and forestry for the Alliance. Does NESAF have to agree with every opinion or action that the Alliance groups develop? No. It is important that NESAF maintain its identity as a professional society. In the past year, for example, there have been several positions that as many as six or seven of the member organizations have declined to "sign on" to, for whatever reason. Don't some of the groups have "other agendas" or positions that they are promoting? Yes, of course! So does NESAF! Our "agenda" is to promote forestry in New England. Nobody says that members of the Alliance have to agree on all issues all of the time. In fact, there is a good chance that 20 different members of NESAF wouldn't agree on all issues all of the time!

Participation in the Alliance merely means that member organizations are interested in seeking common ground and building coalitions. I believe these are valuable goals. One of the most important roles that NESAF can play is to represent our profession regionally, and participation in the Northern Forest Alliance affords us an excellent opportunity to do just that.

First NESAF Employer Award

Hugh Putnam (R), Executive Director of the New England Forestry Foundation receives the first Society of American Foresters Employer Recognition Award for a New England firm from David Kittredge, NESAF Chair. The Society presented this award to sixteen companies in 1991 in recognition of outstanding employer support toward employee professional development. The award was presented at the 72nd Winter Meeting on March 12 in Lowell, Massachusetts.
For those of you who were not able to attend the Winter Meeting in Lowell, Massachusetts, I would like to mention some items that arose.

You will recall that "Integrating Biodiversity and Land Management" was the theme of this joint meeting co-sponsored with the New England Wildlife Society. Attendance was high — over 300. Many people who work on the program and arrangements are to be commended for the interesting and timely program. I'm sure that some of you are aware that dissatisfaction was expressed about the way the referendum on the Mission Statement was handled on the fall ballot. One had to choose between either of two Mission Statements, the third or fourth version, with no chance to reject both. The fourth version received about 80% of the votes, the third the remaining 20%. However, a small number of voters did not register any preference and some members vigorously objected to the lack of an opportunity to vote "no" to both versions.

Therefore, the Executive Committee has decided to present another vote on the fall ballot. The vote will be either acceptance or rejection of the fourth version which is now the interim Mission Statement. If accepted this fall, the Mission Statement will come up for automatic review and possible revision after three years.

The Executive Committee also accepted a revised set of ground rules for granting and monitoring the use of funds to Divisions, Working Groups, and Student Chapters. The idea of the grants program originated with Peter Hannah who thought our reserves, at that time about $12,000, should be used for the benefit of the Society and its members as well as improving public understanding of forestry. Money sitting in the bank, giving the Society a food feeling of financial stability, doesn't advance our Society's goals. It was termed "The Five Year Grant Program" to indicate its trial nature. It was very successful in both terms of the amount of money granted and the resultant activities and will be continued.

Some problems have developed in the use of the funds, primarily in delays between making the money available and the fulfillment of the purpose of the grant. Accomplishment reports often were not submitted promptly to the Executive Committee. Therefore, a small committee, appointed last year, presented revised rules for grant applications, disbursement of funds to grantees, and accomplishment reports. The Executive Committee approved these new instructions, and they will be mailed to officers soon.

A few years ago, as our reserves dropped under the pressure of many grants, the Executive Committee decided that our reserve funds should not be allowed to drop below $5,000. Therefore, we did not encourage grants during the past two years although some were made. Our reserve funds are now over $7,000 and because of that about $2,000 will be available for grants.

The bottom line of this report is that our New England Society continues to be professionally exciting, financially strong, and under excellent leadership at all levels. I am proud to serve as the Executive Director of such an active and excellent professional group!
Student Conference Held

The College of Forest Resources and the Association of Graduate Students co-sponsored the Eighth Annual Graduate Student Conference on Forest, Environmental and Wildlife Sciences over the weekend of February 14 to 16 in Albert D. Nutting Hall at the University of Maine. The CONFOR series of conferences are alternately hosted by universities in the northeastern United States and southeastern Canada. The first CONFOR conference was hosted by Maine in 1984.

This year's CONFOR included 45 participants from the Universities of Maine, New Brunswick, Toronto, and Laval. Thirty participants presented portions of their graduate work which encompassed a wide range of forest resource disciplines. Research topics presented were forest management, silviculture, entomology, pathology, tree physiology, economics, recreation, harvesting, utilization, genetics, and wildlife.

Dr. Maxwell McCormack Jr., Research Professor with the Cooperative Forestry Research Unit, addressed the group following the banquet. He stressed the importance of international and interdisciplinary cooperation in resolving current and future land use conflicts.

"The world is run by those who show up."

Winter Meeting Observations

The 72nd Annual Winter Meeting in Lowell, Massachusetts attracted 330 natural resource professionals interested in integrating biodiversity and land management. The three day meeting featured over two-dozen speakers who attempted to address many aspects of both biodiversity and land management. One recurring theme throughout the meeting was the high quality of the meeting. In that light the following people should be recognized for their efforts in presenting an excellent program in Lowell.

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Twenty-six displays were available for review during the Winter Meeting in Lowell. Topics ranged from "financial implications of forest biodiversity" to "age structure, disturbance, and development of virgin red spruce stands in Maine" to "bird species diversity in New England: effects of land use and tree species diversity."
Congratulations to Peter Condaxis of the Green Mountain Division. He is the most recent member of the New England SAF to earn a CFE certificate.

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For Democracy's Sake

Although the process of selecting a NESAF Mission Statement allowed a final selection between two alternatives, the process did not allow the selection of either a Mission Statement or not a Mission Statement. Because this alternative, to not select a Mission Statement, did not appear on last fall's ballot the present Mission Statement is for the moment an "Interim Mission Statement." Its fate will be determined this fall by ballot vote. For further details see the Executive Director's Comments in this News Quarterly.

OUR MISSION AS FORESTERS IS TO BE RESPONSIBLE STEWARDS OF THE EARTH'S FORESTS WHILE MEETING SOCIETY'S VITAL NEEDS. THE CHALLENGE OF OUR MISSION LIES IN KEEPING FOREST ECOSYSTEMS HEALTHY AND UNINTERRUPTED WHILE CONCURRENTLY DRAWING ON THEIR RESOURCES. WE WILL MEET THIS CHALLENGE BY CAREFULLY MONITORING AND MANAGING THE EFFECTS OF NATURAL AND HUMAN FORCES ON THE FOREST. OUR DECISIONS WILL BE GUIDED BY OUR PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE, OUR COMPASSION FOR ALL LIVING THINGS, OUR DESIRE TO IMPROVE CITIZENS' LIVES, AND OUR RESPECT AND CONCERN FOR THE ENTIRE FOREST ECOSYSTEM. BY ADVANCING FORESTRY SCIENCE, EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGY, AND THE PRACTICE OF FORESTRY, NESAF WILL PROVIDE THE LEADERSHIP TO ACHIEVE ITS MISSION.

New Members

We sincerely welcome the following new members to the New England Society of American Foresters via original membership (N), transfer (T), or student (S). Granite State Division: Dimitri Savchick of Conway (N) and Richard Cooksey, Jr. of Hampton (S). Green Mountain Division: Seth Clifford of Brandon (S), Brent Boley of Burlington (S), David Joughin of Richford (S), Lisa Sobel of Melrose Park, Pa (S), Jason Kennedy of Fellows Falls (S), Lars Lund of Burlington (S).

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Wood Fuel Studied - Mass. DEM is undertaking an economic impact study of a proposed power plant at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. The study is being partially funded through the Rural Development Project of the U.S. Forest Service. It will compare the economic impacts of wood versus other fuels on the local and regional economy. The study is headed up by Charles Thompson on a contractual basis.

Stewardship Update - The Mass. Stewardship Committee is still deciding on what the management plan for stewardship should contain. Practices under this program will not start until an approved plan is completed for any enrolled land. Landowners can now sign up to have a management done, even though the details are not yet in place. Almost all practices, however, have been decided upon.

Salvage Begun - The salvage of the downed timber on the state forest on Marthas Vineyard is about to get underway. The job will be done by Ed Davis of Davis Lumber from Fitzwilliam, N.H. A portable sawmill will be located on-site to cut the small logs to assure good utilization. Other hurricane salvage jobs are ongoing at Myles Standish State Forest, Acushnet Cedar Swamp State Reservation, and Freetown-Fall River State Forest. Salvage work is also being undertaken on private property in Southeastern Massachusetts. The Falmouth Town Forest is presently having a downed Norway Spruce stand cut up and removed.

Endangered Species Act Update - The Mass. Division of Fisheries and Wildlife completed its regulations for administration of the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act. Landowners who have endangered or threatened species or "significant habitat" will definitely be affected. If the State Forester certifies that the landowner is working under a multi-year management plan, forest management can take place without going through the permit process. However, the plan must indicate what will be done to avoid damage to endangered species or their habitat. No "significant habitat" has yet been designated in Massachusetts.

Proposed Wetlands Regulations Amendments - During the end of February and early March, public hearings were held on the proposed Wetlands Regulations Amendments prepared under the authority of the Mass. Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40. These proposals have involved the Farmlands Advisory Committee and the State Department of Food and Agriculture working closely with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). There are some items involving forestry, and this could mean additional regulations being proposed. There could be changes coming to the Forest Cutting Practices Regulations at the completion of the Forestry Generic Environmental Impact Report (GEIR).

Forester Bill Submitted - Senator Robert Wetmore has again submitted a bill (S908) providing for the registration of professional foresters in Massachusetts.

Tree Farm News - The Northfield Mountain Recreation and Environmental Center owned by Northeast Utilities was made a Certified Tree Farm. The center, which includes 1,500 acres of land provides an excellent example of sensible stewardship of the forest and its natural resources. This is accomplished through its environmental education programs, facilities and recreational activities.

The new Mass. Tree Farm Committee officers for 1992 include: Robert Lear, Chair; Thomas Ouink, Vice-Chair; Hugh Putnam, Secretary; and Doug Leab, Treasurer. The Massachusetts Tree Farm Program now has over 1,600 Tree Farmers.

Legacy Lands Selected - The Forest Legacy Needs Assessment for Massachusetts will be completed by the end of March 1992 and will be submitted to the USDA Forest Service and the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture for approval. Sixteen Legacy areas were submitted by existing Conservation Land Trusts. Five of the sixteen are tentatively selected for F.Y. 1993 funding.

License Plate A Reality - A forestry license plate in Massachusetts has been approved for the harvesting of forest products. This was pushed by the Western Massachusetts Wood Producers Association along with Representative Jay Healy, and Senators Robert Wetmore and Jane Swift. The Western Massachusetts Wood Producers Association is working with the State Registry of Motor Vehicles to get regulations passed governing the plates.

Awards To Massachusetts Foresters - Anne Marie Lourd, DEM Service Forester for Eastern Franklin County, received an award from the Northeastern Loggers Association for outstanding contributions to forest industry education. She also received the NESAF Young Forester Award for 1992. Thomas Quink, past DEM Chief Forester and now Program Manager for the Forest Legacy Program for Southern New England, received the NESAF Distinguished Service Award for 1997. Congratulations to both Tom and Anne Marie.

Old-Growth Forest Preserved - The Mass. Forestry Association has reached an historic agreement with New England Power to forever protect a 90 acre old-growth forest in Florida, Massachusetts. The protected land is called the Fife Brook Old-Growth Forest Preserve and contains many trees over 150 years old. These trees are of large size and are primarily northern hardwood species with some hemlock.

Newsmakers - Professor William Patterson is back from Australia and will be working on prescribed burning activities in Southeastern Massachusetts and at Acadia National Park.

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Maine Division Happenings - The Spring Meeting is tentatively scheduled to occur during the first week of May. The theme will focus on wetlands.

Maine Division SAF is co-sponsoring a public relations course on May 4th in Orono. The half day session will provide natural resource professionals with the skills necessary to deal effectively with the media. Watch your mail for details and registration materials for these meetings.

Officers - Dave Maass, 1992 Secretary/Treasurer, has recently accepted a position out of state. Bob Shepard (1991 Secretary/Treasurer) has agreed to fill the position for the remainder of the term. It's not too early to begin thinking of nominations for officers for 1993. If you are interested call Carol Redelsheimer at 794-6886 (W) or 794-6872 (H).

Special Projects - Photo Contest: The Communications Committee is sponsoring a photo contest. The photos will be used for various displays. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each category (i.e. harvesting, silviculture, scenic, etc.). Details will be announced at the Spring Meeting.

Harvesting Reports Increase - More forest landowners reported timber harvests in 1990 than in any previous year as a result of the harvest notification and reporting requirements of Maine's Forest Practices Act according to Maine Forest Service Director John Cashwell. Landowners reported harvesting 408,650 acres in 1990, a 25% increase over the acreage reported harvested in 1989. However, the increase is largely due to increased reporting by owners of less than 5,000 acres. Although Maine law required all owners to file annual harvest reports with the Forest Service prior to enactment of the FPA in 1989, many owners of small parcels were unaware of the requirement and did not report.

According to Cashwell, the amount of acreage reported harvested by owners of less than 1,000 acres increased by 373% in 1990. Acreage reported harvested by owners of between 1,000 and 5,000 acres increased by 212%, while owners of more than 5,000 acres reported harvesting two percent fewer acres in 1990 than in the previous year.

Looper Damage Expected - Maps showing forest areas defoliated by the hemlock looper in 1991 and estimates of 1992 population levels have been mailed to officials in 152 municipalities by the Maine Forest Service. Forest Service Entomologist Dick Bradbury said hemlock looper caterpillars defoliated 225,000 acres in 1991 and will begin feeding on the needles of hemlock, balsam and white spruce in June. He indicated that some tree mortality can be expected as a result of two successive years of defoliation.

According to Bradbury, the forest service recommends that landowners salvage damaged trees to realize financial benefits and to prevent the buildup of secondary pests that may later attack remaining healthy trees. He said that high value shade trees may be protected with the biological insecticide B. t. (Maelliculus thuringiensis).

More information about the hemlock looper may be obtained by contacting Dick Bradbury, Maine Forest Service Office, Department of Conservation, Station 22, Augusta, Maine 04333 or call 289-4062.

Zoning Deadline Extended - In January, the State Legislature and the Board of Environmental Protection voted to extend the deadline for municipalities to adopt local ordinances consistent with the State guidelines to July 1, 1992. Communities are expected to complete the revisions to their local ordinances by the July 1st deadline. The Department does not anticipate any further extensions of the deadline. For those communities that do not meet the deadline, the Department plans to begin the process of imposing shoreline ordinances shortly after that date.

There are some revisions to the State of Maine Guidelines for Municipal Shoreline Zoning Ordinances. Proposed amendments which are forestry related include:

a. Add new Section 15.0.2.b. to read: Timber harvesting operations exceeding the 40% limitation in paragraph a. above, may be allowed by the planning board upon a clear showing, including a forest management plan signed by a Maine licensed professional forester, that such an exception is necessary for good forest management and will be carried out in accordance with the purpose of this Ordinance.

b. The definition of a forested wetland - a freshwater wetland dominated by woody vegetation that is six (6) meters tall or taller.

Recreation Plan Coming - The 1993 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) that will include a state-wide inventory of recreation facilities and propose strategies and actions to address recreation deficiencies is being prepared by the Maine Department of Conservation's Bureau of Parks and Recreation according to Herb Hartman, bureau director. Six task groups consisting of volunteers representing recreation user groups, environmental and conservation groups, private commercial recreation interests and landowners will assist the bureau in the SCORP update. Each group includes from 12 to 20 participants and will meet four times before concluding their work in early summer 1992.

The task groups will identify long range issues, strategies and actions for six major recreation subject areas: Public Access to Private Lands; Access to Public Waters; Availability of Public and Private Lands for Outdoor Recreation; Open Space, Wetlands and Natural Habitats; Community and Multi-Town Recreation Needs; Trails, Greenways and Corridors. A Steering Committee consisting of representatives from the State Planning Office, the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Department of Marine Resources and the Maine Recreation and Park Association has also been formed. The steering committee will review task group reports and decide which issues, strategies and actions are included in the final SCORP.

Newsmakers - Carl VanHusen retired from S.D. Warren Company after 32 years of service. During his substantial career he has held the positions of Assistant District Forester, District Superintendent, Land Management Forester, Forestry Manager, and Logging Manager before taking his last position as Operations Manager of the Southern District. In addition, he has been active in forestry organizations such as the Tree Farm Program and SAF. We wish Carl continued success in his future projects.

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Granite State 1992 Awards - Karen Bennett, Extension Educator, Forest Resources, received the Forester of the Year Award from the Granite State Division SAF. Bennett has been with UNH Cooperative Extension as an educator in forest resources since 1979. She currently works with forest landowners, the forest industry, public officials and the public in Merrimack County. She received another "Forester of the Year" award from the 20-state Northeastern Region of the U.S. Forest Service in 1989.

The Granite State Division recognized Paul McKenzie with its "Student of the Year" award for 1992, as the outstanding forestry senior enrolled in the BSF program at the University of New Hampshire. The award, which includes a copy of The Forestry Handbook was also presented to Steven E. Heyliger who was selected as "Student of the Year" of the Thompson School of Forestry program. McKenzie has been an active member in the student chapter of SAF at UNH and served as chair during his junior year. He will be graduating this spring with a 3.70 GPA and is considering a temporary assignment on the Umpqua National Forest in Oregon. Heyliger currently carries a 3.90 GPA after 3 semesters and is known by his classmates for his hard work, dependability, and common sense. He supports himself and has arranged his work schedule with the city of Dover Recreation Department around his classes. He plans to continue his education in forestry at UNH.

All three awards were presented at the Granite State annual meeting in Compton, on February 14th.

New Granite Division Leaders - Ron Klemarczyk, Chair of the Granite State, graduated from UNH in 1976 with a BS in forestry and worked for the U.S. Forest Service doing back country patrol in the White Mountain National Forest. He next became the forester for the Daniel Webster Council, S.S.A. managing their 3,000 acre Hidden Valley property, and then worked for two years as a forest technician with the NH Division of Forests and Lands. Since 1981, he has been employed by FORECO operating from their Contoocook office.

Brooks McCandlish, Vice-Chair, received his BS in forestry from U. Mass, in 1978 and his M.S. in forest science from Oregon State in 1980. While at U. Mass, he worked for Green Diamond Forestry Services as a forest technician, and while at Oregon State, was a graduate research assistant. From 1981 to 1984, he worked as an assistant cooperative extension forester in Hillsborough, Cheshire, Sullivan and Rockingham counties. Brooks is presently a forester with New England Forest Products Foundation.

Grant Received - The Granite State Division has secured a SAF Foresters' Fund grant for $450 to support three Project Learning Tree Workshops during the 1992/1993 school year. Many members are active in this resource education program as supporters, trained facilitators, and information contacts for teachers.

"Foresters in Our Schools" is a division effort now unfolding that aims to have members present information via brief presentations in schools across the state. A pilot project is being developed that will encourage students and teachers to recognize the importance of our forests, the need to manage resources, and the unique role of professional foresters. This volunteer effort will contribute to SAF's "Mission Possible" by its positive community outreach educational slant. Foresters interested in participating should contact Ron Klemarczyk or Northam Parr, soon.

PLT Honors Two - SFNHF Field Education Director Jeff Wallner and UNH Cooperative Extension forester Jon Nute each received 1991 awards from New Hampshire Project Learning Tree. Wallner has been a PLT facilitator since 1979 and served for 3 years as the education chairing of the PLT steering committee. He received the Outstanding Leader Award. Jon Nute has been a facilitator since 1987 and received the Outstanding Facilitator Award.

Task Force Receives Grant - The N.H. Forest Industry Insurance Task Force, a project of the NHTOA, has received a $2,000 grant from the Northeastern Loggers' Association. The grant will be used to further three projects of the Task Force: 1) A Loggers' and Truckers Guide to Insurance, 2) a Comprehensive Guide to Health Insurance Options for the Forest Products Industry; and 3) underwriting for logger first aid workshops. The grant was the largest award provided by NEIESTA this year. The Task Force is also seeking funds from the American Pulpwood Association's Timber Harvesting and Trucking Safety Foundation. During the fall of 1991, the Task Force received nearly $1,000 in voluntary contributions from industry to help continue its efforts. For more information call: 224-9699.

Economic Development Project Launched - With funding from the U.S. Forest Service, North Country RC&D has begun work on a project aimed at "increasing local awareness, confidence and resources to expand forest based value adding industry." A cooperative project including federal, state and private interest has begun through the development of a NH forest resources portfolio. The portfolio will detail the condition, trends, and opportunities for forest based industry in NH. The portfolio will be used to assist local and regional economic development agencies in including this type of industry in the mix of needed activities.

Log Exporting Will Be Meeting Focus - Plan now to attend NHTOA's 82nd Annual Meeting on May 16, in Hanover. The focus will be on the increasingly divisive issue of raw log exporting. Export markets for logs have improved substantially in the last few years, providing important markets for landowners, and helping to sustain the logging and log transportation sectors of the industry. But New Hampshire sawmills are finding it more and more difficult to compete for higher quality logs with overseas buyers, thus threatening our solid-wood manufacturing industry. The meeting will provide a forum for all different perspectives on this issue, with experts in world wood supply and demand helping to put New Hampshire in a global context. Members will receive more information on the meeting in mid-April, or call the NHTOA office.

Newsmakers - Kathryn Staley will be reporting on April 20 to the White Mountain National Forest from the Wenatchee National Forest where she has been involved with the Pacific salmon restoration effort now unfolding that aims to have members participate in a National Geographic Society funded research project dealing with Atlantic salmon. Field work for this study took her to New Brunswick in 1994. She will be joined in New Hampshire by student Stephen, daughter Claire, and husband George.
Winter Meeting A Success - The Green Mountain Division held its Winter Meeting on February 1st at the Stockbridge Elementary School. Following the business meeting, a technical session was presented which dealt with the management of Beech and Hemlock in Vermont: Issues and Opportunities. Dave Houston from the US Forest Service discussed beech silviculture with an emphasis on specific management techniques for stands infected with beech scale disease. Doug Blodgett of the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department discussed the impacts beech stands have on wildlife. His primary focus was on the interaction between beech ridges and breeding bear populations. Russ Ray from the Vermont Forestry Division discussed Hemlock silviculture focusing on regeneration problems. He told of techniques which were successful and those that were not for regenerating hemlock. Steve Weber of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department discussed hemlock and wildlife habitat in New England. He advocated a hands-off approach to hemlock management whenever possible as the best way to promote wildlife habitat. The Green Mountain Division is dedicated to keeping members informed.

Type Available - The Green Mountain Division is dedicated to keeping members informed on subjects which are timely and of current interest. Ed Leary, Division Chair, video-taped the beech and hemlock discussion held at the winter meeting. Anyone interested in seeing that information, contact Ed in Waterbury (244-6713). If you have ideas or suggestions for more “hands on approaches” to providing good programing contact any of the Division officers and offer your support.

Public Information Activities - The Public Information Committee (PIC) was made a standing committee by a by-laws change at the Winter Meeting. The PIC has been busy on a number of issues in recent months:

Legislative Coffee The PIC hosted a legislative coffee on January 29 at the Statehouse in Montpelier. Two hundred seedlings were distributed to legislators who came to hear updates on such important forestry issues as the Northern Forest Lands Process, the Forest Legacy Program, Forest Stewardship, the Stewardship Incentives Program, Current-Use, and Impact Assessment of timber harvesting Activity in Vermont. SAF members Thom McEvoy, Hayoolan, Peter Condaxis, Alan Calfee, Ed Leary, Jim Wilkinson, and Peter Hannah were on hand to answer questions and represent our profession.

Media Response Network The PIC Committee has been developing a quick response network of informed professionals. They hope to improve communications between professional foresters and the public by effectively using the various media in Vermont. The goal is to establish credibility with the media and improve the quality and quantity of information reaching the public. This will be accomplished through the development of a contact list of professionals who are prepared to respond to issues and questions, be personal media contacts by foresters within the community, and be a central clearinghouse for the disbursement of press releases regarding forestry news. Those steps should lead to the improved ability of the forestry community to respond to negative press or mis-information.

Award To Carl Reidel - Carl Reidel, Director of the University of Vermont’s Environmental Program, received the Franklin Fairbanks Award at a recent ceremony for his “innovative national leadership in environmental education and advocacy.” The Fairbanks Museum Trustees of St. Johnsbury award honors “contributions to the advancement of the sciences and humanities on behalf of Vermont and its people, and whose work has significantly contributed to the awareness and understanding of Vermont’s environment and cultural heritage.”

“Carl Reidel serves as a wondrous example of both enduring enthusiasm and learned purpose... a true giant in the field of environmental education and activism,” Frederick Silloway said at the presentation.

Current-Use Activities – Jim Wilkinson has retired as the Chair of the Current-Use Coalition after many years of dedicated service. Alan Turner has replaced Jim in this important organization. At the Division Winter Meeting a committee was established to prepare testimony for a Use-Value hearing. Alan Turner, Richard Carubetti and Leo LaBelle worked together to produce a statement of support for the program. Funding for the program is an issue of debate in the legislature with many special interest groups involved. SAF feels that, properly funded, the Current-Use Program is a long-term public investment in the economic and ecological future of Vermont. The Current-Use program is a valuable tool in implementing stewardship which reflects a strong local ethic. Alternate methods of stabilized funding have been developed and are worthy of consideration. The outcome of the legislature’s funding of the program will have direct impacts on all segments of the forestry community.

What’s in A Name - VTTPA has made a name change to the Vermont Forest Products Association to reflect the broadening horizons of the organization. VFPA is a major lobbying force in Montpelier representing forest product producers and suppliers, forest industry and foresters. The organization has been vocal on issues dealing with transportation, Current-Use, Act-200, and property owner rights. They have developed educational and public information materials to promote logging and trucking, forestry and showcase the profession in a positive spotlight.

AMP Complaints Decreasing - In December, 1991 the Vermont AMP Team met to review the water quality complaints regarding logging operations. During 1991, 31 operations were visited by AMP teams of which 26 were satisfactorily resolved. Loggers responded to the recommendations by the technical advisory team, by putting AMP's in place or by pulling out of unusually wet areas. Two cases resulted in the closing down of the operations until weather conditions changed and three cases were turned over to the Agency of Natural Resources Enforcement Division. Increased logger awareness and the on-going efforts of the advisory team were cited as reasons for the decrease in water quality violations.

It appears that non-AMP related cases in Vermont are on the rise. Twenty sites were visited by the AMP Team in 1991 that proved to be not related to water quality. Investigations revealed that sedimentation from natural causes, aesthetic concerns, disgruntled neighbors and personal vendettas against logging operators were the reasons for the complaints.
**Connecticut by Tim Hawley**

**Don Smith Named Acting State Forester** - Don Smith was appointed Acting State Forester following the retirement in March of Pete Babcock. Smith has worked for DEP since 1977, serving as Environmental Review Team Forester for Huber Hurlock and Service Forester for Mike Pochan. Smith advanced to the Hartford office as Assistant State Forester in 1987 following the retirement of Stan House.

**Forest Practices** - Acting State Forester Don Smith expects that the volume of regulations DEP is required to develop this year - most of it not related to forestry - will delay implementation of the 1991 Forest Practices Act. The draft regulations on registration of foresters and loggers, as well as forest practices, await detailed review by DEP legal staff.

**DEP Reorganizes Again** - The Division of Forestry was moved to the Bureau of Natural Resources, separating it once again from the Parks & Recreation section. Under Bureau Chief John Spencer, Natural Resources also includes Fisheries, Wildlife, and Law Enforcement.

**Hemlock Adelgid Survey** - Preliminary results of several years data from 80 sample points across the state indicate that the woolly adelgid may have halted its northward gallop. District Forester Huber Hurlock is considering discontinuing the sampling, at least until the adelgid finds its spurs.

Anyone interested in the survey results should contact Hurlock at DEP Eastern District Hq., 295-9523.

**Conn. Chapter SAF Meetings** - U.S.F.S. research scientist Dave Houston gave a presentation on beech management (including bears) at a well-attended meeting at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station.

**Tree Farm** - Nominations are being sought for a vice-chair for the Conn. Tree Farm committee. The vice chair would succeed the chair. Contact Joe Shramek (see Conn. chapter SAF, page 2).

**RC & D** - Dave Smith was elected chair, Ben Warner vice chair, and Bud Sanders secretary of the Conn. RC & D Forestry Committee. The committee is working on softwood (especially hemlock) lumber grading and disseminating information about the forest practices act and good forest practices.

**Newsmakers** - Clarence "Pete" Merrill, DEP Forester for New London County, retired in March, after more than 25 years of service. Merrill was a service forester and managed the 16,000-acre Pachaug State Forest. Merrill began his forestry career as a service forester in Rhode Island and came to Conn. to manage the state tree nursery. He plans to do some consulting and manage his Christmas tree plantations.

Connwood, Inc. has changed its name to Connwood Foresters, Inc. Bob Ricard is establishing a Conn. Tree Warden's Association.

**Rhode Island by Marc J. Tremblay**

**Tax Cap Legislation Introduced** - A bill has recently been introduced in both the RI House and Senate to set a cap on taxes levied against lands registered under the Farm, Forest, Open Space Act. The tax cap legislation was first recommended by the Governor's Task Force on the Future of Agriculture and Forestry in Rhode Island. When the Governor objected to introducing legislation during tight budget times, the RI Forest Conservator's Organization (RIFCO) took steps to have the legislation introduced. It has the support of the RI Farm Bureau, and measures will be taken to garner the support of other land use organizations and agencies in Rhode Island.

Caps are set at $5.00/acre for Forest land, $20/acres for Farm land, and $10/acre for Open Space land. The variety in the tax cap amounts accounts for relative net worth of Farm lands and the requirement of a Forest Plan. There are currently just over 100 registered Forest classifications in the state. Perhaps the passage of such a bill will provide incentive for more managed forest lands in Rhode Island.

**Woods Operators Registered** - The current budget bill in the General Assembly includes a change in the format through which the Division of Forest Environment registers the Woods Operators in Rhode Island. The current system is defined by a Public Law calling for a $1.00 annual fee for commercial operators cutting more than 35 cords annually, with lower limits. The registration of Woods Operators is all tied into the Intent to Cut legislation, which may also be structured into the new fee system.

....more NEWS
RI Forest Conservator's Organization News - The second annual spring membership meeting will be a joint meeting with the RI Tree Farm System, and will be held May 2 at the Arnold property in Mousam Valley. The program will cover crop—tree selection and the new Stewardship Incentives Program, and will also include small harvesting equipment exhibitions and demonstrations.

RIFCO will be sponsoring an Estate Planning Workshop for forest landowners on April 2. The estate planning and fragmentation issue is paramount in Southern New England, and a brochure was recently prepared by Steve Broderick and printed by the SNFPC T & R Committee. Copies are available through SNFPC, PO Box 760, Chepachet, RI 02814.

Backyard Tree Farm Program - A kick-off program has been set for April 4 at the Canonicus Conference Center in Exeter, RI. A binder loaded with pamphlets, booklets, and information sheets has been prepared. Approximately 3,000 pamphlets and program announcements were mailed throughout Rhode Island to potential backyard tree farmers.

Allen Sign Dedication Set - A dedication ceremony has been scheduled for April 16 at 10:00 am at the Lincoln Woods State Park off Rt. 146, in Lincoln. Scheduled to attend is Rhode Island Senator John Chafee, a descendant of Zachariah Allen, and both National and Division Society of American Foresters members.

Faculty Briefs - Professor G.A. Jordan, Forest Resources, participated in GIS'92 (Vancouver) in February as author, presenter, and chair. Along with Robert Dick of the NB Department of Natural Resources and Energy Timber Management Branch and graduate students B. Pittman and D. Carleton, he presented four papers focusing on the UNB Forest 2000 roadmap. He also chaired this session. Among other papers he presented was one based on his recent sabbatical experience with MacMillan—Bloedel that he co-authored.

Dr. R.A. Savidge, Forest Resources, recently presented a research paper, co-authored by P. Randeniya, research technician, to the 641st Biochemical Society Meeting at the Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, University of London. The presentation was entitled "Evidence for coniferyl-alcohol oxidase promotion of lignification in developing xylem of conifers." This is the first report of the existence of this enzyme in higher plants.

Professor M.S. Jammick, Forest Resources, and Professor E.W. Robak, Forest Engineering, travelled to Christ Church, New Zealand, at the end of January. While there they were involved in making presentations and chairing sessions at the IUFRO workshop covering Operations, Planning, Law Course A Success - The day-long course "Forestier and the Law" was presented to 46 practicing foresters and forestry and law students in February by lawyer/forester Dave Curtis of Brighton, Ontario. The course increased foresters' understanding of the role of law in the practice of forestry and the role of foresters in legal matters and proceedings. Also participating in the seminar was Dean I.R. Methven who talked about his experiences as an expert witness in Ontario.

1992 SAF NATIONAL CONVENTION TO BE IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

"American Forestry — An Evolving Tradition" is the central theme of the annual meeting of SAF to be held in Richmond, Virginia, from October 25 through 28, 1992. With more than 1,400 participants from across the country, this SAF meeting is the largest annual gathering of forestry professionals in the world.

American forestry evolved from the activities of Gifford Pinchot on the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina, in 1892. Today a wide variety of forest conditions and practices is found in Virginia, the Carolinas, and elsewhere in the nation. What will the future hold? Speakers at the convention will investigate this question and the continuing evolution of professional forestry in America.

The convention, to be held at the Richmond Centre in downtown Richmond and at the neighboring Richmond Marriott hotel, will include general and technical sessions, exhibits, technical tours, a poster session, and much more.

For additional information, contact convention manager, Society of American Foresters, 5400 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814; or phone (301) 897-8720.

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